



October 14, 2011

The Honorable Darrell Issa  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight and  
Government Reform  
United States House of Representatives  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security  
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United States Senate  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings  
Ranking Member  
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United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Susan Collins  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Issa, Chairman Lieberman, Ranking Member Cummings and  
Ranking Member Collins:

This letter will provide The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)'s third annual update of the progress made to provide wireless service in our system, mandated in subsection (e) of Section 601 of Division B of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-432).

As we reported last year the first milestone of providing wireless service in WMATA's busiest 20 stations platforms was met by the October 16, 2009 deadline. We continue to work with the Carrier Consortium composed of Verizon, T-Mobile, AT&T and Sprint/Nextel toward the mandated goal of service throughout the system by October 16, 2012. As an example of that progress, beyond the initial 20 stations, 82% of our remaining stations are now complete. In addition, throughout our entire system, underground fiber is 78% complete, above ground fiber is 52% complete and base hotels are 76% complete. We have made progress over the past year, but still have significant installations needed to complete the program.

While the timely completion of this project is important to WMATA and to our customers, our most urgent priority is maintaining the safety and reliability of our system. We have undertaken a 6 year, \$5 billion capital rebuilding campaign to restore WMATA to a state of good repair.

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The first billion of our capital campaign is dedicated to addressing the National Transportation Safety Board recommendations. We have taken an accelerated approach to complete that work, which includes shut downs of larger portions of the system on weekends and during our limited non-revenue hours. During those shut downs we are working along with the Carrier Consortium to coordinate opportunities to advance the wireless installation. Timely completion of the wireless project is dependent on the safe coordination and execution of concurrent Carrier Consortium, NTSB and WMATA work activities.

WMATA and the Carrier Consortium share the goal of providing our customers with access to wireless service throughout the system. We will provide an annual update next year as the statute requires.

If you have any questions, please contact Regina Sullivan, WMATA's Director of Government Relations at 202-962-1632 or [rsullivan@wmata.com](mailto:rsullivan@wmata.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Sarles", written in a cursive style.

Richard Sarles  
General Manager and  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Benjamin Cardin  
The Honorable Barbara Mikulski  
The Honorable Mark Warner  
The Honorable James Webb  
The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
The Honorable Chris Van Hollen, Jr.  
The Honorable Donna Edwards  
The Honorable Frank Wolf  
The Honorable Gerry Connolly  
The Honorable James Moran  
The Honorable Eleanor Holmes-Norton